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LEPC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, February 11, 2014
8:30 AM – 11:30 AM**

Baltimore Winter Meeting

War Memorial Building, 101 North Gay Street, Baltimore, MD 21202

Welcoming Remarks

- **Robert Maloney**, Deputy Chief of Emergency Management and Public Safety
Emergency Management has become more active in Baltimore throughout the years and is now proactive with lots of information sharing. 2014 will be a big year for planned events with the Star-Spangled Spectacular and ending with the Army-Navy football game. Current hot topics are the West Virginia contaminated drinking water, multi-casualty violence prevention, and violent crimes in Baltimore City. Constant vigilance, the review and practice of plans, and whole-community preparedness is necessary. The City is focusing on techniques known to work and is striving towards being one of the safest big cities in America.
- **Kevin Cleary**, LEPC Deputy Administrative Director
Kevin opened the meeting with a motion to accept and approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
Kevin requested that anyone who has an accessible facility with ample free parking and would like to host an upcoming quarterly held LEPC Meeting to please contact him:
Kevin.cleary@baltimorecity.gov
The next LEPC Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, May 6, 2014. The location has not yet been determined.

Government

- **Incidents and Events** – FF Anthony Smith, Operations – MOEM
Kevin Ryan, BCFD Hazmat Response Team
An overview of notable BCFD and MOEM response incidents that have occurred since the last LEPC Meeting was presented. Notable incidents include:
 - Water rescue/recovery, Dec. 23rd
 - Amtrak derailment, Nov. 19th – current tabletop exercise being planned to streamline future incidents and notification process
 - Water main breaks and flooded buildings from extreme low temperatures.
 - Ammonia leak at unreported meat packing facility. EPA is investigating.
 - Chlorine release – combined Anne Arundel County and BCFD response
 - Extreme Code Blue operations

- **Training and Exercises** – Connor Scott, Mayor’s Office Of Emergency Management
Upcoming exercises include:
 - Alternate Care Site TTX, Baltimore Demonstration Project, BWI full scale exercise, USPS full scale exercise, Maritime Security functional exercise, and Water Taxi full scale exercise, Amtrak derailment TTX, Star-Spangled Spectacular TTX, and Army/Navy Game TTX. Please email connor.scott@baltimorecity.gov if you would like to participate or observe.
 Upcoming training includes:
 - 2 week Foundations of Emergency Management class (March 24-April 4), EOC Operations (April 16-17), Community Mass Care (May 14-15), and the Basic National Planner’s Course (June 23-27). Self-registration available at: <https://memamaryland.csod.com/>
- **Code Blue** - Jennifer Martin, Baltimore City Health Department
The City’s Code Blue program is a coordinated effort by the Mayor’s Office of Human Services, BCHD, City hospitals, the Salvation Army, BCFD, MOEM, and other partners which focuses on keeping people safe during extreme cold weather with messaging initiatives and increasing homeless shelter capacity during Code Blue declarations. Code Blue is declared by the Health Commissioner when the temperature is below 13°F with wind chill. Extreme Code Blue can be declared if conditions warrant which brings more resources to bear. There have already been 22 Code Blue days this winter compared to only 10 last winter, and a notable increase in EMS calls and ED visits for cold-related incidents. 4 total hypothermia deaths in Baltimore City this winter, only 1 on a Code Blue day.
- **Horseshoe Casino Baltimore**, Brent Flickinger, Baltimore City Department of Planning
Official opening date is in October, but soft opening may be as early as July. A Local Development Council, a state and local partnership, was formed to determine how income from the casino is spent. Community impact funds are estimated to be \$15-20 million a year and must be spent within the immediate impact neighborhood. The council wants to focus on public safety and will be developing a multi-year plan this summer. All are welcome to attend the community meeting in April, which will be a 2-4 day workshop on priorities.
- **Special Report: Typhoon Haiyan Response**, C.P. Hsia, MOEM
C.P. Hsia was deployed to Guiuan in Eastern Samar Province, Philippines, in the week after Typhoon Haiyan devastated the country. Initially deployed as part of an incident management team for a medical group, the team adapted to the situation on the ground and split into 3 elements. Two field groups provided medical care alongside of Filipino volunteers while the bulk of the IMT stayed in Manila to assist the Filipino volunteers with training and organization.

Non-Profits

- **Non- Profit Organization Reports**
Maryland VOAD - Pascalis Papouras relief@ioccc.org <http://www.ioccc.org>
Maryland Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (MD VOAD) members consist of different groups focusing on different functions, year-round. Most are still active in Somerset County with long-term recovery, facing the challenge of assisting disparate communities. A long-term recovery committee has been formed to help with issues such

as home builds, case work, volunteer housing, etc. MD VOAD can help with volunteer requests and connect businesses or government groups with volunteer opportunities. MD VOAD is currently filing for 501c3 status and is working on a long-term recovery plan for Maryland.

<http://mdvoad.org/>

Citizens and Communities

- **CERT** – Kevin Cleary, MOEM
2 classes have already been held this year with the next class scheduled for March 14-16. Progress has been made to build a Morgan State University team, and there are plans to create a Downtown CERT. Team potluck will be held on March 18th, and an exercise day has been scheduled for June 7. cert@baltimorecity.gov

Arctic Vortex

Connor Scott – MOEM

Kate Briddell – Mayor’s Office of Human Services

In routine Code Blue scenarios, homeless shelters increase their capacity. During Extreme Cold Blue, MOHS opens an overflow shelter alongside other activities such as requesting private homeless shelters remain open during day-time hours, increased surveillance, increased first responder assets, DHCD increases their home heating operations, and conduct checks on vulnerable citizens. The largest operation in the recent activation was coordinating the pickup of homeless citizens for transport to shelters. 311 was utilized 24 hours a day to take calls from concerned members of the public. Rides were coordinated from the EOC between City operated vans and private groups. Private vans were not available overnight. Over the two separate activations, City vans had over 300 encounters but a 30-36% refusal rate. The vans and all outreach were reliant on volunteers. Business Volunteers Maryland was able to help find volunteers for outreach. During the second Extreme Code Blue, awareness seemed better and the emergency shelter had many walk-ins.

MOEM activated the EOC to coordinate Code Blue efforts but also dealt with numerous infrastructure failures as temperatures stayed extremely low. Neighborhood Services was a key partner in providing assistance to people displaced by burst pipes or other utility outages.

Special Events

Brian Bovaird – MOEM

- Unifying permit process for the summer event season. All stakeholders have been included.
- Star-Spangled Spectacular will be the largest event in Baltimore City. 10 days from Sept. 10-16. Similar to the 2012 Star-Spangled Sailabration but bigger. Most activities will be from the 10th to the 14th. Some events will be nationally televised, President Obama is expected to attend. Concerts at Pier 6, fireworks over the harbor (5 times the budget of July 4th fireworks). Named “Top Travel Destination” by the American Bus Association. Planning is well underway and has been very proactive. 9 planning committees have been meeting for the past 4 months.

Businesses

CATEX

Thomas Moran and **Dennis Schrader**, All Hazards Consortium, <http://ahcusa.org/>

Catastrophic Exercise (CATEX) is a multi-year program facilitated by the All Hazards Consortium. CATEX seeks to integrate multiple Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) regions along the East Coast from New York to Washington, DC with the private sector. 2013 focused on critical infrastructure, 2014 will focus on supply chain. 2 work groups exist: private sector and

UASI (East Coast Corridor Coalition). Each work group is able to build modules to focus on what they want to prioritize. Exercises are simple, relevant, and take no more than 6 months to plan. This has led to better information sharing and MOUs to share information.

The Meeting adjourned at 11:30

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